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**Mayor Tom Barrett to Announce
Date for the Wisconsin Avenue Bridge Reopening**

On Thursday, August 9 at 2:00 p.m., Mayor Tom Barrett and other public officials/stakeholders will announce the date of the Wisconsin Avenue Vertical Lift Bridge reopening.

The Wisconsin Avenue Bridge was built in 1975 and, since last October, has been undergoing rehabilitation. The work included rehabilitation of the bridge's structural, electrical, hydraulic and mechanical components, as well as, new decking, railings, sidewalk and bridge approaches, and upgrading the bridge house. The work was made possible by Federal TIGER (Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery) funds. The project development/construction was administered by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. The Department of Public Works provided technical support and project oversight.

Who: Mayor Tom Barrett
Alderman Robert Bauman
Ghassan Korban, Commissioner of Public Works
Jeffrey Polenske, City Engineer
WisDOT Representative
George Poirier, FHWA Division Administrator
Beth Nicols, Milwaukee Downtown BID 21 Executive Director

What: Announcement of the date of the Wisconsin Avenue Bridge reopening

Where: Wisconsin Avenue Vertical Lift Bridge over the Milwaukee River

When: Thursday, August 9, 2012 - 2:00 p.m.